



The East London Caledonian Society

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JULY 2017 NEWSLETTER

Dear Fellow Caledonians,

This is my first newsletter as Chief-Elect. Thank you to all who attended our AGM, and for your support in electing me as Chief for the ensuing year. With a relatively familiar committee, we are pleased to welcome at least one new face on the committee and, with your help and support, we aim to continue moving the Society forward. So here's your 'new' Committee

Position:	Name:	Cell:
Chief- Elect	Roxanne Piderit	082 455 8661
Senior Chieftain	Dave Rankin	082 900 0948
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Hon. Secretary	Dave Rankin	082 900 0948
Hon. Treasurer	Sheila Godfrey	082 519 3863
Executive Committee Members	Sandra Rankin	043 726 1500
	Maureen Rankin	082 405 9730
	Sue Piderit	082 924 1078
	Rose Thompson	072 431 7391
	Kim Mathieson	083 373 5864
	Leanne Harbottle	079 572 5073
Past Chief	Maureena 'Nookie' Middleton	084 693 2836

One noteworthy project initiated by our committee involves the formation of a Task Team to investigate the future of the federation. This came about after a working breakfast with the Federation Chief on 22 April 2017, where we *'brainstormed'* possible ideas and initiatives to improve the health of our Caledonian Movement. One idea was that all Caledonians need to do some hard thinking about how the Movement must evolve, if it is to survive. Andrew Macdonell is heading up this task team, along with Dave Rankin, Sandra Rankin and myself; and we will be requiring input from members along the way.

NEWS OF MEMBERS Sad news first. Condolences to Maureen and Dave Rankin and their families on the passing of Maureen's mother, Mary Hodgson, on 5 June. Also to the family of Dave Templeton, a former Chaplain of the Society, who recently passed on to higher service. In news from the Doctor's surgery, Callum Maclver is now home and making progress after another skin graft. Elizabeth Weare is now living at Parklands. Bibby Middleton was awarded her honours blazer for water polo. Finally this seems to be a month of weddings in exotic locations – the Anleys will be attending a wedding in Estonia; while Claude Macdonell and the girls are all off to a family wedding in California. (*Andrew is staying at home and hopes to make the most of the 'me-time' to study for a professional project management exam*)

ENTERTAINMENT

Saturday 22 July - Breakfast at Com Office, Dot Com Café. Scherwitz Road. Berea. Time 09:00

PIPE BAND On 27 May, the Band had a full day playing at the McClelland Bazaar, George Randall High School, Stirling Primary Games Day and the Airfest. The 'previously advertised' BVR Drill Hall Re-opening Parade won't now be happening; but a performance at the Komga Show on 7 October is still in the diary.

LADIES GROUP June meeting hosted by Nookie Middleton went well. July meeting was on Tuesday 4 July 2017 at Ruth Strong's home, Cottage S17 Fairlands.

S.C.D.C Weekly meetings continue on Tuesdays at the Hams Club from 4pm - 5.30pm on Tuesdays. Numbers slightly down recently. The Country Dancers AGM was held recently (see group photo)



Our Country Dancers at their AGM

HIGHLAND AND IRISH DANCERS

Like the Band, the dancers had a busy day on 27 May at the McClelland Home, George Randall High School, Stirling Primary School and the Airfest. Looking forward, the SA Highland Dancing Championships will take place on Saturday 29 July 2017 in Gauteng and Highland Dancing Exams are scheduled for Monday 31 July 2017.

BIRTHDAYS

June 2017			July 2017 (cont)		
Date	Name:	Contact:	Date	Name:	Contact:
20	Margaret Murray	043 726 1157	13	Dilys MacKinnon	043 732 1198
23	Ralph Anley	082 469 9424	16	Callum MacIver	076 378 6133
July 2017			21	Dave Rankin	082 900 0948
2	Charon Cronje		24	Elliot Murray	043 722 4106
2	Tumi Macdonell	043 721 1035			

COMMITTEE Next meeting of the Committee will be on Thursday 13 July 2017 at 7.30 pm at Roxanne Piderit's new home, 7a Dartnell Road, Cambridge West.

Finally some good and bad news! Bad news is that subs are now due – good news is that the rates are unchanged from last year (R80 for full members).

Yours aye,

Roxanne Piderit (Chief-Elect)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	START	NOTES
22 July	Breakfast	Dot Com Café, Scherwitz Road	09:00	
5 August	Chairing of Chief	TBC	TBC	
6 August	Kirking of Chief	TBC	TBC	